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Community police patrol dinner tables

D-DAY veteran Fredrick Bates was one of 20 elderly people who enjoyed an early Christmas lunch at the Hanwell Fields Community School in Banbury on Monday.

The event was organised by the Ruscote, Hardwick and Neithrop Neighbourhood Police Team.

Sergeant Jade Hewitt said: "We were trying to bring the community together, the young and the old."

The school's students, aged three to ten, helped out with Christmas decorations, dancing and singing. At the end of the day all of the elderly guests were presented with a Christmas hamper, which included goods donated by local supermarkets.



Fredrick Bates enjoys his Christmas lunch at Hanwell Fields Community School, Banbury, as he chats to community support officers, from left, Sarah Walker and Rebecca Preedy

Council's new powers to fine rogue pet owners and litterbugs

DOG WASTE WARNING

A CRACKDOWN on dog owners who don't clean up after their pets could see fines issued to those falling foul of the law.

New powers give Banbury Town Council staff the authority to hand out on-the-spot fines of up to £75 for littering and £50 for dog fouling.

Five town council workers can issue fixed penalty notices and will be able to use cameras to gather evidence.

Those who refuse to pay the fine could face court action and a maximum fine of

By Callum Keown

£4,000 for dog fouling and £10,000 for littering. It follows complaints about dog mess and litter on council-owned sports fields, parks, play areas and open spaces including the Hardwick Hill and Southam Road cemeteries.

Banbury United Youth football club have five teams who use their pitches regularly.

Chairman Dewain Clarke said: "There is a major problem. We had to have four carrier bags full of it taken off the pitches. It's pretty messy and there's a lot of it."

"It's our eight- and nine-year-olds who suffered the most."

"We are hoping these changes will make a difference. The council said they would look at the problem more closely. There are signs up telling people to clear their dog mess, which they haven't been doing."

Council leader Kieron Mallon said: "Litter dropping and, in particular, dog fouling are anti-social crimes of the worst kind."

"Serious illnesses can be contracted from dog faeces, especially where children are involved. Banbury Town Council is determined that its parks and playing fields

will be clean and safe for all."

Mr Mallon added: "The council is cracking down on anti-social behaviour for the benefit of responsible residents who want to use the facilities in total safety."

"We will not hesitate to prosecute anyone who refuses to pay the fixed penalty notices."

"Waste bins for litter and dog faeces are provided in all areas and they should be used – or people should take their waste home with them."

"There really is no excuse for people not clearing up their mess."

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Kieron
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InBRIEF**Mobility man in attack claim**

■ A MAN with mobility problems was attacked by a woman in Banbury, police said. The victim, 44, was hurt at about 12.20pm on Sunday in People's Park, but did not need to go to hospital. PC Lucy McDonagh said the victim was thought to have had an "altercation" with a woman, who was described as being white with short cropped blonde hair, during which he was assaulted. She added that a woman would be voluntarily interviewed by police in connection to the assault at the end of the week.

Driver is freed

■ A DRIVER was taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, with a leg injury after an accident on the A44 near Chipping Norton on Friday. Firefighters were called to the accident in London Road at 4.07pm after a car reportedly hit a tree. Hydraulic rescue equipment had to be used to free the driver. The road was blocked in both directions around Summerton Place.

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■ Club could get clubhouse and cash injection

Last-gasp homes deal brokered to save soccer club



An artist's impression of the new clubhouse

A FOOTBALL club is to be saved from financial ruin after securing a multi-million-pound deal with a developer.

Minotaur Clubs Partnership, which helps negotiate deals for organisations around the UK, has brokered a deal that will see part of Chipping Norton Football Club's ground sold to developers.

In return, it will get a new clubhouse and an injection of cash that will help to secure the club's future.

Part of the land sold will be used for a 228-home development next to the club, between Walterbush Road and Burford Road, with 40 per cent of the homes being classed as "affordable".

The remaining land for housing is being sold at Chadlington farm.

Construction could start in six months.

Kim Clarke, 67, who manages the football clubhouse with her 37-year-old daughter, Lisa Cozier, said: "It's the only thing for the club really. It's either that or we would have to close.

"It's good because we are in such an old building and so many repairs need to be made. The cost of everything has gone up but our takings haven't."

The clubhouse is funded entirely by bar takings, and Mrs Clarke and her daughter are both employed full-time.

They will leave the club

By Martin Elvery

temporarily when it closes in January and return to work when the new clubhouse is built. Minotaur will help with financial management.

Football matches on the club's pitches will continue as normal.

Michael Foster, of Minotaur Group of Companies, said in a statement: "Minotaur Clubs Partnership was introduced to Chipping Norton Football Club 12 months ago when the club was in severe financial difficulty and was about to enter into a deal with a local developer that would have certainly meant it shutting for good.

"Minotaur stepped in at the 11th hour and renegotiated the whole deal to ensure the football club will now get a brand new, purpose-built, state-of-the-art football clubhouse and, very importantly as well, a big chunk of money to be injected into the football club entity."

The new clubhouse will replace the current dated facility and will be built north-west of the football ground on a grassland site. It will have up to 40 car parking spaces.

Mayor Mike Tysoe said the council approved of the scheme, which it was due to discuss at a planning meeting last night.

Before the meeting, he said: "Some details still need to be sorted out but they are fairly small."

Driver is killed in collision with lorry



A MAN was killed in a crash in Banbury Road, Chipping Norton, on Friday afternoon.

Thames Valley Police said the driver of the Mitsubishi Shogun was pronounced dead at the scene after being involved in a collision with a lorry at about 2.30pm.

It happened between Albion Street and the B4026 Over Norton Road.

The air ambulance was called to the scene.

Police spokeswoman Lucy Billen said the female passenger in the Shogun and the male driver of the lorry were taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital but could give no information about their injuries.

Apprentice grant for contractor

AN Oxfordshire contractor has been handed a £50,000 grant to lead an apprentice team – giving young people the chance to learn new skills.

Building firm ABC (Oxford) Limited has been given the grant by Cherwell District Council to help train eight apprentices, aged 16 to 23, and allow them to learn either brickwork or site carpentry on sites across Banbury and Bicester.

The money will cover the apprentices' employment costs, including their salary, supervision, management and personal protective equipment.

Seven of the team have already been recruited and spent their first week on a local building site.

Cherwell's estates and economy chief, Norma Bolster, said: "This funding was all about being proactive in creating opportunities for young people to boost their employability."

One of the apprentices is 17-year-old Robert Hill. He said: "I left school with no qualifications, so when the opportunity came up to be a part of this I couldn't believe it.

"It's been an amazing first week on site and I've learned so much already than I would do in a classroom every day."

Ofwat urges easing of county water bills

WATER bills in Oxfordshire should be cut by five per cent, the regulator has said. This would see average bills fall by around £20 from £396 to £376 from next year until 2020. Ofwat has told Thames Water to

lower its prices, after the company asked Ofwat it could increase bills by three per cent next year.

The firm will have the opportunity to appeal against the order, but said it had not yet decided if it would.

Spokeswoman Sarah Sharpe said: "Thames Water has received the final determination on its business plan for the next five years. We will now be reviewing the report in detail."

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Matthew Polley with Sir Stirling and Prodrive boss David Richards

Matthew meets racing greats

NEWLY-qualified motorsport engineer Matthew Polley met racing heroes Sir Stirling Moss, Sir Jackie Stewart and John Surtees at a Downing Street reception.

Mr Polley, 24, who builds high-performance engines for Prodrive's Aston Martin racing cars, also chatted to Prime Minister David Cameron at the event.

It was held to recognise the importance of apprenticeships to the British motorsport

industry. Mainly based in and around Oxfordshire, the industry employs more than 50,000 people and contributes more than £5bn a year to the economy.

Mr Polley, from Banbury, completed his three-year apprenticeship with Banbury-based Prodrive earlier this year.

During training, he divided his time between Prodrive's Banbury base and Banbury & Bicester College, where he studied for a BTEC extended diploma in

engineering.

He said: "It was a real privilege to be selected to attend such a prestigious event and represent not only Prodrive but the hundreds of apprentices in the British motorsport industry."

"When I started as an apprentice I never thought that one day I would be at No. 10 talking to the Prime Minister and telling him about my job, alongside some of the greatest names in British motorsport."

InBRIEF

Delay for GBH case

■ A MAN accused of inflicting grievous bodily harm has had his case adjourned for a week. Tomas McLaughlin, of Prescott Close, Banbury, did not attend a plea hearing at Oxford Crown Court. The 22-year-old is alleged to have assaulted Jack Jackson on May 5 this year and is now due to appear at the court tomorrow.

Group's boost

■ BANBURY Community Action Group has been awarded £500 after a public vote to support good causes by Skipton Building Society. The building society held a national poll, which drew more than 27,000 votes, and the top 161 were given funding to mark its 161st year.

Woman freed

■ FIREFIGHTERS rescued a trapped woman after a car crashed into a tree near Deddington. Crews were called to Iron Down Hill at 6.52pm on Sunday and released the 53-year-old from a silver Peugeot 307. She was taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, suffering head and leg injuries.

■ Cystic fibrosis sufferer gets to ride in Lamborghini supercar

Bill helps dream come true for Starlight boy



A LOCAL charity supporter has made a sick child's dream come true by organising a performance car driving experience.

Bill Chatterton, from Chipping Norton, had been given a Supercar Passenger Ride pass from Vision Motorsport.

But Mr Chatterton had heard about the Starlight Children's Foundation which grants wishes to very sick children and inquired if they could make use of the pass.

Starlight was able to tell him that a 13-year-old boy called Keir Thompson, from Penrith, Cumbria, had said his biggest wish was to drive a Lamborghini sports car.

The charity was able to organise for Keir, who suffers from cystic fibrosis, and his family to travel to Vision Motorsport at Chipping Norton where he was met by Mr Chatterton.

Keir got to ride in a Lamborghini Gallardo and also an Atom sports car, which goes from 0 to 60mph in under three seconds. He also had a visit to Heythrop Zoological Gardens.

Keir's mother, Paula, said: "We had a wonderful weekend.

"Keir has been bursting with happiness.

"I can't thank everyone enough for making Keir's

By Banbury reporter

dreams come true. Bill Chatterton was such a kind man to donate his driving pass and Vision Motorsport were kind to let Keir ride in two different sports cars. He loved both of them."

ABOVE: Keir Thompson suits up for his supercar ride

RIGHT: Keir in the driving seat of a Lamborghini Gallardo



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Town's opticians voted top branch

■ A CHIPPING NORTON optician is celebrating after being voted regional branch of the year by parent company Scrivens. Manager Julie Dyer and her team beat 36 other branches to clinch the title. She said: "We are a busy little branch that is very much part of the community in Chipping Norton. We have a loyal customer base and take a pride in looking after them." Scrivens opticians has 170 stores in the UK.

Character cake wins top honour for mum

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LEFT: Rosy Fallick and her daughter, Emily, pictured at the show

BELOW: Rosy's winning creation



A MOTHER and daughter rose to the occasion when they entered a baking competition.

Rosy Fallick, founder of Cakes For All UK, won a gold prize in the Sculpted Novelty cake section at the recent Cake International contest in Birmingham.

The Banbury woman's creation of "Boris", a troll training as a chef, impressed the judges at the NEC Arena and she won gold for the second year running.

The 36-year-old said: "Last year so many competitors made figures from a cartoon or film but I wanted to do something completely unique and from my imagination."

By Callum Keown

"With such a busy cake year it really helped knowing exactly what he was going to look like and what I had to do to create Boris."

She added: "It was a real shock winning gold for the second year running. I'm over the moon to have received gold again, there was a lot of pressure from friends and family saying 'of course you will get a gold.'"

Rosy's 11-year-old daughter, Emily, also entered the competition in the under-12 birthday cake section with a waterfall and

toadstool-themed creation.

She would have won silver, but was disqualified under the strict rules for not providing an inscription, her mother said.

Mrs Fallick said: "She would have won silver. The judges are very critical and strict. It was a real mix of emotions."

Praise for mental health police team

A PROJECT where mental health workers go out on the beat with police is helping to take pressure off Oxfordshire's "low" bed numbers, a health director said.

The clinical director of Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, Dr Rob Bale, said it was one of the benefits of the Oxfordshire Street Triage Pilot.

It had already been reported that the pilot scheme had reduced the number of people with mental problems being sent to custody where no NHS facilities were available. Figures dropped from 85 in 2013 to 25 this year.

Those sent to an NHS "place of safety" also fell from 294 to 220 in the same time periods under the scheme, after two mental health professionals went out on patrol with police from 6pm to 2am each

day. Praising the service, Dr Bale said: "Being sent to hospital can often be the most appropriate course of action, but for other people, being supported in their own home and being given the right interventions at home is a better intervention."

"We have a low number of beds, so we need to maintain those effectively."

The comment comes after Devon and Cornwall assistant chief constable Paul Netheron tweeted

about the "unacceptable" placing of a 16-year-old girl with mental health problems in a police cell because of the lack of hospital beds.

The county project was set up with £200,000 of funding from the Department of Health. The Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group is set to fund it next year, Dr Bale said.

Oxfordshire's Chief Inspector Yvette Hitch said the joint patrols "had allowed for greater knowledge and understanding".

Rail delays after train breakdown

A BROKEN down train between Banbury and Leamington Spa caused delays of up to 30 minutes on Friday. Passengers on Chiltern Railways experienced delays for about an hour until the train was cleared and normal services resumed.

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Grenade included in police firearms amnesty success

A GRENADE was among weapons handed in during a firearms and ammunition amnesty in Oxfordshire. Thames Valley Police said 255 firearms were handed in across the force's area, including 85 left at police stations in Abingdon, Banbury and Oxford. Officers also received 127 lots of ammunition. The amnesty ran from November

24 to December 7 and gave people the chance to surrender firearms and ammunition without the fear of being prosecuted for having them without a licence. A pre-war training grenade was handed in at Abingdon police station and was dealt with by bomb disposal officers. Police said the weapons handed

in would be forensically examined and information may be sent to National Ballistics Intelligence Service. Chief Inspector Lindsay James said: "We have been extremely pleased with the number of firearms and ammunition handed in and consider the surrender to have been a great success. I would like to

thank the public for the excellent response. "Every weapon handed in is now one less that could have ended up in the wrong hands, making the Thames Valley a safer place to live." Police spokeswoman Francine Rodrigues said the force could not speculate on why so many weapons had been turned in.

■ Reading-aid charity to call on a host of celebrities and authors

Festival in bid to boost children's love of books

CELEBRITIES, footballers and authors will be called on to help encourage children to read at a literary festival in 2015.

The North Oxfordshire-based charity Assisted Reading for Children (ARCh) wants to stage the Read with the Stars festival for children and families.

The event – which organisers plan to host at the Kassam Stadium, Oxford, next year – aims to tackle low reading ability among children and excite them about books.

ARCh development manager Elaine Adams said: "Planning is in its early stages, but it will be a large event.

"The literacy festival will be an exciting celebration of the joy of reading and the work ARCh does to inspire children to read from an early age."

Children's reading levels in the county have been raised as an issue previously.

In November 2010, it was revealed that key stage one results in Oxford were the worst in the country, with almost a quarter failing to reach expected levels in reading. The Get Oxfordshire Reading Campaign was launched to combat that and saw volunteers go into schools to read with children.

As a result, children taking part came on in leaps and bounds, raising their reading age by 13 months after only four months on the scheme.

In October, the county council secured a £1m fund

By Naomi Herring

from the Oxfordshire Schools Forum, led by headteachers from across the county.

For the ARCh festival, organisers want to attract families who normally don't read together, by getting well-known faces to sit down and read with children or give talks.

Oxfordshire author Philip Pullman said: "It sounds like a good idea. It is important for children because reading is a special, private part of enjoyment. It is something that doesn't need any devices or batteries,

just a real source of satisfaction and enjoyment. I am very glad to see things like this happening."

ARCh works in more than 100 primary schools in Oxfordshire and supports about 700 children each week.

It provides one-to-one personalised reading support for six to 11-year-olds.

Melinda Tilley, Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet member for education, said: "I am happy to support anyone encouraging reading and ARCh is very good.

"We still have many children and adults who do not know how to read, so it is really important we have events like this."



LEFT:
Elaine
Adams
from the
charity
Assisted
Reading
for
Children

New class for business awards

RETAILERS could be walking away with a gong next year as the Oxfordshire Business Awards expands.

Awards chairman Paul Lowe said a retail award had been discussed for some years but there had been a lack of sponsors.

But for 2015 – the awards' 21st year – Inchcape Mercedes Benz will sponsor the inaugural retail prize.

It is one of three new sponsors for the 2015 awards, the others being Owen Mumford, which won the Oxfordshire Business of the Year Award in 2013, and Chiltern Railways.

The competition has 14 sponsors and a total of 14 categories. Entries close on February 27, 2015.

Mr Lowe said: "The real key to success is the support of the sponsors both financially and the time they give up to attend committee meetings and of course visit entrants to decide on finalists and winners."

The awards attracted about 320 entries this year, which was down



about ten per cent on 2013's numbers, and organisers are hoping for an increase next year.

Neil O'Regan, managing director of Shawcity, a past winner of the Small Business of the Year Award, said: "Receiving third-party recognition of our achievements gives the perfect platform to develop and strengthen our business into 2015.

"The awards evening is now a pivotal part of our year and we have enjoyed many fantastic evenings and made a lot new friends along the way."

The 2015 awards were launched at the Inchcape Mercedes-Benz

Oxford dealership in Kidlington.

Sponsors will decide on the three finalists for each of the prize categories on May 6, 2015.

The gala awards dinner, which attracts about 500 people, will be held at the Oxford Thames Four Pillars Hotel at Sandford-on-Thames, on June 19, 2015.

The largest single source for new entries is the awards' Twitter handle @OxBizAwards (the #tag is #OxBizAwards), which now has about 3,000 followers, said organisers.

The individual award categories are for: innovation; charity and community; digital innovation; export; small business; young business person of the year; business person of the year; new business; apprenticeship of the year; large business; marketing excellence; cultural events and tourism; employer of the year; retail.

The biggest award is the Oxfordshire Business of the Year.

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County drops below UK average in Standard Assessment Test results

Chief targets better results in exams

PRIMARY school children have kept the county's test scores in Standard Assessment Tests, or SATs, steady – but Oxfordshire is no longer ahead of the national average.

Government guidelines say 11-year-olds should be achieving level four or above in each of the exams for reading, writing and maths.

More than 6,400 pupils across Oxfordshire sat the exams in the summer, with 78 per cent hitting the benchmark for all three exams. This was in line with last year's results but one percentage point below the national average.

Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet member for education, Melinda Tilley, said: "I am

By Alex Wynick

pleased the national average has gone up. That's wonderful for those children, but Oxfordshire should be above it. We need to get our act together and do something about it, and we will do that."

At Bicester's Bure Park Primary School, the percentage of pupils meeting the benchmark fell from 91 to 85 per cent.

Headteacher Rob Pearson said: "Test results vary every year, depending on the cohort of pupils. We're encouraged by the progress the children are making from key stage one to key stage two. It's really, really high."

The national average increased three percentage points from



Melinda Tilley

76 to 79 per cent. Mrs Tilley added: "What we will do now is talk to our schools about what we can do to improve and how we can share good practices between schools. I don't think throwing money at the problem will do much good."

"It's about school leadership and parents being more involved and more aware of what their children can achieve."

"We know exactly which schools are causing concern. We sent officers in. We need to move quickly on this."

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Christopher Rawlins CoE	30	90%	99.1	97%	97%	97%	61%
Cropredy CoE	19	89%	99.7	89%	89%	89%	87%
Dashwood Banbury	22	91%	101.9	91%	95%	91%	88%
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Hardwick	26	77%	100.6	88%	88%	81%	78%
Harriers Banbury Academy	30	87%	100.8	93%	93%	90%	100%
Heyford Park Free	73	75%	100.2	81%	82%	88%	77%
Hill View	25	80%	100.3	88%	92%	84%	83%
Holy Trinity Catholic	25	80%	100.2	88%	80%	92%	100%
Chipping Norton	9	67%	99.7	67%	78%	89%	63%
Hook Norton CoE	45	87%	99.7	87%	96%	100%	98%
Middle Barton	30	67%	99.9	90%	87%	80%	56%
St John's Catholic Banbury	42	81%	99.8	90%	88%	83%	48%
St Joseph's Catholic Banbury	30	73%	99.5	77%	77%	73%	73%
St Mary's CoE	10	90%	100.0	90%	90%	100%	88%
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- A: Total number of eligible pupils
- B: % pupils getting Level 4 or above in reading, writing and maths
- C: Overall Value Added Measure
- D: % Pupils getting Level 4 or above in maths
- E: % Pupils getting Level 4 or above in reading
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Verdicts from magistrates' courts around the county

■ **JACOB POWNEY**, 21, of no fixed address, admitted stealing Weetabix cereal, cheesecakes, four jars of coffee and another £3.20 worth of food from Longelandes Way Co-op in Banbury on August 13, 14 and 15. Also admitted assault by beating in Banbury on August 14. Sent to prison for 14 days.

■ **COURTNEY HARRIS**, 40 of Moorfield Court, West Street, Banbury, admitted using threatening or abusive words or behaviour at Oxford Railway Station on May 27. Fined £250 and ordered to pay a £25 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ **STEVEN LAMBERT**, 47, of Windrush, Banbury, admitted assaulting a woman by beating her in Banbury on November 1. Fined £500 and ordered to pay a £50 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ **URIEN JORNEA**, 20, of no fixed address, admitted drink-driving on Calthorpe Road, Banbury, on November 12. Had 86mg of alcohol in 100ml of breath over the legal limit of 35mg. Fined £300 and ordered to pay a £30 victims' surcharge and £85 costs. Banned from driving for 22 months.

■ **ANDREW MARSHALL**, 29, of Station Approach, Banbury, admitted stealing £140-worth of meat from a Co-op store in Bassett Avenue, Bicester. He was already on a suspended sentence of six weeks for shoplifting from Northampton, Daventry and Towcester Magistrates' Court on April 22. Sent to prison for two weeks as well as the earlier sentence of six weeks and ordered to pay a victims' surcharge of £80.

■ **ANICE MALAWI**, 34, of no fixed address, admitted using threatening behaviour and words at Banbury Police Station on August 20. Also admitted possessing cannabis, a Class-B drug, at George Street, Banbury, on September 28. Sent to prison for 14 weeks because threatening behaviour was in a public building and put public service staff and elderly people at risk. Ordered to pay a victims' surcharge of £80 and £150 in costs.

■ **CARL BLEACH**, 24, of Mold Crescent, Banbury, admitted stealing a bottle of Davidoff Blue Water eu de toilette costing £25 from a Wilkinsons store on November 2. Also admitted stealing a HTC mobile phone from a woman. Given a 12-month conditional discharge. Ordered to pay a victims' surcharge of £15 and £25 in costs.

■ **GRAHAM TAYLOR**, 52, of Ruscote Arcade, Banbury, admitted being drunk and disorderly on Bridge Street, Banbury, on November 3. Fined £50, ordered to pay a victims' surcharge of £20 and £30 in costs.

■ **LIAM THOMPSON**, 27, of Warwick Road, Banbury, admitted being drunk and disorderly on High Street, Banbury, on November 1. Fined £100, ordered to pay a victims' surcharge of £20 and £85 in costs.

■ **LEIGHTON JAMES**, 30, of Stocks Walk,

Carterton, admitted stealing two Maximuscle containers worth £80 from Boots in High Street, Witney, and a Dolce and Gabbana perfume set worth £62 from Debenhams in Marriotts Walk, Witney, on November 13. Also admitted committing a further offence while subject to a suspended sentence made on April 22 by Oxford Magistrates' Court for two thefts. Given a 12-week prison sentence because of his persistent dishonesty and because he was subject to a suspended sentence at the time. Also told to pay an £80 victims' surcharge.



■ **ANDREW TALBOT**, 40, of Brookside Way, Bloxham, admitted drink driving in little Bridge Road, Bloxham, on October 29. Had 100mg of alcohol in 100ml of breath, above the legal limit of 35mg. Community order made with 200-hour unpaid work requirement and told to pay a £60 victims' surcharge and £85 costs. Given 42-month driving ban.

■ **STEVEN FISHER**, 54, of Park End, Bodicote, near Banbury, admitted drink-driving in Oxford Road, Adderbury, on August 21. Had 298mg of alcohol in 100ml of blood, above the legal limit of 80mg. Community order made with 200-hour unpaid work requirement and told to pay a £60 victims' surcharge and £85 costs. Given a 30-month driving ban.

■ **ANDREW NESBIT**, 36, of no fixed address, admitted stealing aftershave worth £50 from

Debenhams in Banbury on November 14. Given a 12-month conditional discharge and told to pay a £15 victims' surcharge and £45 costs.

■ **DARRYL TOWLE**, 21, of Kemps Road, Twyford, admitted possessing one joint of cannabis, a Class-B drug, in Middleton Road, Banbury, on September 17. Also admitted possessing a weapon for the discharge of electricity in Kemps Road, Twyford, on the same date. Fined £175 and told to pay a £20 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ **KIERON BARNES**, 23, of no fixed address, admitted breaching a restraining order by contacting two people he was banned from contacting in Chester Way, Banbury, on November 23. Also admitted using threatening, abusive or insulting word or behaviour likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress between Kings Sutton and Heyford railway stations on December 2. Given a 17-week prison sentence because this is his seventh breach of the restraining order and he has shown a total lack of compliance with court orders.

■ **NICOLA POOLE**, 31, of Merton Street, Banbury, admitted being drunk and disorderly in a public place in Middleton Road, Banbury, on November 7. Given a six-month conditional discharge and told to pay a £15 victims' surcharge.

■ **YISA HASSAN-SULE**, 30, of Glyndebourne Gardens, Banbury, admitted failing to comply with the community requirement of suspended sentence made on October 8 by failing to attend unpaid work on October 31. Three-month suspended sentence imposed.

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■ Anger as councillors opt for 19 per cent rise in their allowances

Pay rise vote comes day after £20m cuts



OXFORDSHIRE county councillors have agreed they should get a 19 per cent increase in their basic allowances – just a day after warning of a further £20m cuts in council services.

Last year the county council outlined cuts of £64m, then on Monday of last week it outlined a further £20m cuts package as demand for adult social care and children's services increases.

The following day at a County Hall meeting, the majority of 61 councillors in attendance agreed to back recommendations of an independent remuneration panel.

Thirty-eight voted in favour, 20 against and there were three abstentions.

It comes after chief executive

By Naomi Herring

Joanna Simons last month described the council's financial situation as "very serious" and announced a recruitment freeze in an attempt to tackle the issue.

She sent a letter to all county council staff asking for suggestions on how to plug an £11m shortfall the council had identified.

County councillor Nick Hards, who voted against the rise, told the meeting: "I think it would be foolish to vote for such a large increase in allowances."

"How can we look the public in the face when we are about to make vast cuts in social care?"

But county council leader Ian Hudspeth said: "Councillors' allowances are always an issue, and always very sensitive, even during the economic boom times of 2001 to 2008."

Mr Hudspeth, who voted yes, said: "At 54 I do not consider myself to be a young member of the council, but why

are we not attracting younger councillors? They have their jobs to do and if someone has to give up a day's pay to come into the council then that will be a dispute for them."

Oxfordshire County Council said that it had the second lowest allowances of local authorities in the whole of Southern England.

Before the meeting, five North Oxfordshire Conservative county councillors said they would refuse to pocket any increase in their allowances.

They were: Kieron Mallon, Lawrie Stratford, Arash Fatemian, Michael Waine and George Reynolds.

Oxford Federation of Community Associations secretary Dorian Hancock said: "How can Ian Hudspeth sleep at night in the knowledge of all the cuts he has to make but at the same time award fellow councillors a pay rise?"

"Communities are losing money and if you look at where the cuts are made they are hitting those who need it the most."

"This increase in allowance seems to me to be wrong."

Patients urged to give their feedback

PATIENTS are being urged to have their say about the service they have received from Banbury Health Centre in Brandy Street.

Patients will be asked for their feedback on the practice and what they want to see for the service in the future. The review is being conducted as part of a contract renewal by NHS England and Healthwatch Oxfordshire.

Rachel Coney, the chief executive of Healthwatch Oxfordshire, said: "It is important that patients can have a say about the services that they receive."

"It also helps the NHS to better plan for the future with a real focus on patients."

The survey is available from the practice or online at consult.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/consult.ti/BHC survey/consultationHome

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Seasonal event's charity boost

■ A LOCAL garden centre has raised hundreds of pounds for charity after hosting a Christmas fundraising event. Barn Farm Plants, in Upper Wardington, organised the Christmas charity event, which raised £700 after pulling in over 200 visitors. The event, held on Wednesday, November 26, included cakes, crafts, mulled wine and a tombola. Children also met Father Christmas. Deborah Page, owner of Barn Farm Plants, said: "The charity evening was a great success. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped us to raise much-needed funds for Katharine House Hospice and Dogs for the Disabled."

Fitness classes

■ NEW fitness classes for women have been launched by Cherwell District Council as part of its Active Women programme. The zumbonga classes combine the styles of yoga and zumba and are designed to help women tone up, improve their flexibility and increase their fitness levels. They will run every Tuesday at The Hill Community Centre, Bretch Hill, from 12.30pm to 1.30pm and will cost £1. They are open to women aged 18 and over. To find out more, call 01295 221715.

Thames Valley chief to run new National Police Chiefs' Council

Chief Constable tells of 'sad' farewell to force



Chief Constable Sara Thornton, who is leaving the Thames Valley Police Force

CHIEF Constable of Thames Valley Police Sara Thornton has said that she will be "genuinely sad" to leave the force.

She is to become the first chairwoman of the National Police Chiefs' Council and will take up the full-time role from April 1 next year, as the NPCC replaces the Association of Chief Police Officers.

Ms Thornton was appointed after applying for the post, and a Thames Valley Police spokesman said she would leave the force in March.

An appointment to replace Ms Thornton would be made in the coming months by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley Police, Anthony Stansfeld.

Ms Thornton, Chief Constable since 2007, said: "It will be a privilege and challenge to guide the new organisation in its vital role.

"I have been with Thames Valley Police for 14 years and so it is with a heavy heart that I will be leaving

By Andrew Ffrench

the force. I could happily stay here, but there is a sense that it is time to move on and face a new challenge.

"I will be genuinely sad to leave such a fantastic force and such a wonderful group of people. I will miss serving the public of the Thames Valley."

In a statement, she added: "The modern crime threat to this country demands that police forces work together more than ever."

The Association of Chief Police Officers president, Sir Hugh Orde, will stand down in February 2015.

Ms Thornton joined Thames Valley Police as Assistant Chief Constable for specialist operations in November 2000 and in August 2003 was appointed deputy chief constable.

In January 2006, she was appointed acting chief constable of Thames Valley Police before getting the job on a permanent basis.

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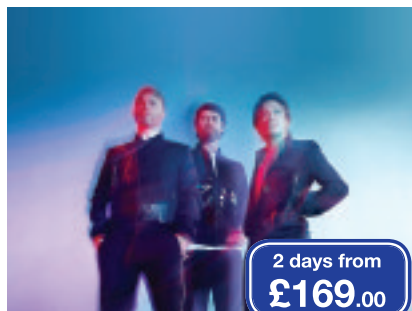
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Theatre treats for tots

While Christmas is a time for families to get together and catch a show or two, little-ones often get overlooked.

Expecting a toddler to sit through an entire pantomime or a full musical is hard work for everyone involved.

But theatres around Oxfordshire are delighted on the fact that there is a gap in the market and that the right show will sell out – so this year there is a real swing towards under-fives, to ensure they are included in the festive entertainment line-up.

Here's our top picks:

● The Mill Arts Centre in Banbury is delighted with its first-ever Christmas production, *The Ballad of Rudy*, for ages three-plus.

Created by Goblin Theatre, it's the story of a young reindeer called Rudy, who instead of having a red nose, stands out from the crowd because of his passion for jazz.

Featuring live music, original songs and lots of imagination, young children can sing the blues with a polar bear, jam with the puffins and beat-box with an arctic fox in the North Pole Jazz Lounge; the coolest place on earth.

Together with a magical jazz penguin, Rudy embarks on an adventure teaching him that life isn't necessarily about following the herd.

The Ballad of Rudy at The Mill Arts Centre runs until Wednesday, December 31. See: themillartscentre.co.uk

● *Snow And Tell* is a new Christmas show from The Story Museum in Oxford, devised by local actor, storyteller and musician Robin Hemmings who is debuting this

tailor-made musical story for those aged three-plus.

Based around three much-loved tales: *The Elves and the Shoemaker*, *How the Robin Got His Red Breast*, and Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*, the small boy, the old shoemaker and the brave little robin will be helping Robin the Postman deliver the last few presents on Christmas Eve.

"This is something gentle and intimate for families with little little ones. It is an annual reminder of what is important in this funny old world we live in, in a relaxed, cosy and magical environment where these stories can come alive," Robin explains.

Snow and Tell runs until Sunday, January 4, at The Story Museum. See: ticketsoxford.com or phone 01865 305305.

● *Hurry Up, Father Christmas!* is the third in a series of Christmas shows presented in the Burton Taylor Studio, Oxford, for children aged three to six years and their families.

Written by Helen Eastman, who penned the sell-out *Father Christmas and the Icicle Bicycle* and *Dear Father Christmas* for the BT in previous years, this concentrates on Father Christmas having too much to do and everything running late at the North Pole.

Hurry Up, Father Christmas! at The BT Studio runs until Sunday, January 4. Phone 01865 305305 or book online at oxfordplayhouse.com

● Peter Duncan is returning for this year's Oxford Playhouse pantomime with another winning combo – *Beauty And The Beast*, which runs

until Sunday, January 18.

Based around the heroine Beauty, who takes a wrong turn in the forest and finds herself trapped by a dastardly beast, this is as far removed from Disney as possible, relating instead to the original fairy tale.

Featuring the return of Leon Craig, as the Dame, expect sing-a-long tunes, plenty of mischief, lashings of silliness and stunning dancing, get ready to boo, cheer and yell 'he's behind you!' at this year's festive spectacular for all the family.

Beauty And The Beast runs until Sunday, January 18. Call the box office on 01865 305305 or book online at oxfordplayhouse.com

● A more environmentally-friendly but equally accessible festive show is *Cinderella Green Recycling Queen*, Emma Boor's Christmas pantomime, a well-loved tale with an environmentally friendly twist.

Cinderella Green the Recycling Queen will be running until Monday, December 22, at the Jacqueline Du Pre Music Building, St Hilda's College, Oxford. Call 01865 305305.



ABOVE: *Hurry Up, Father Christmas* LEFT: On at The Mill Arts Centre, Banbury

LEFT: The Oxford Playhouse offering BELOW: *Cinderella Green the Recycling Queen*



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Actor, storyteller and musician Robin Hemmings, who devised *Snow And Tell*, a new Christmas show at the Story Museum, Oxford



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Grand Hobbit finale fails to finish with a flourish

The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (12A, 144 mins)
Action/Adventure/Romance/Comedy
Martin Freeman, Ian McKellen, Richard Armitage, Luke Evans, Evangeline Lilly, Orlando Bloom, Aidan Turner, Ken Stott, James Nesbitt, Ryan Gage, Benedict Cumberbatch, Cate Blanchett, Christopher Lee, Stephen Fry, Billy Connolly, Lee Pace. Director: Peter Jackson.

Almost 13 years to the day since director Peter Jackson first transported us to Middle Earth, the Oscar-winning New Zealand film-maker completes his tour of duty of JRR Tolkien's novels. It has been a long and sometimes gruelling slog since *The Lord Of The Rings: The Return Of The King*. Giddy expectation has crashed and burned, with only a few smoldering embers for ardent fans to stoke in the hope that Jackson might redeem himself with this concluding chapter of *The Hobbit* trilogy.

Alas, *The Battle Of Five Armies* bids farewell to the hobbits, dwarfs and elves with a whimper rather than a bang.

The script occasionally deviates from Tolkien's source text, contriving one superfluous and protracted interlude with elvish allies Elrond (Hugo Weaving) and Galadriel (Cate Blanchett) and wizard Saruman (Christopher Lee) to provide a flimsy bridge between the two series.

Jackson's mastery of action sequences is beyond doubt – the two set pieces, which bookend this film, are executed with flair, precision and a miasma of

impressive digital effects.

However, all that technical sound and fury without comparable emotional heft makes for increasingly wearisome viewing.

We should be thankful this concluding jaunt is the shortest of the six: a mere 144 minutes.

The company of dwarves led by Thorin Oakenshield (Richard Armitage) including Bilbo Baggins (Martin Freeman) watches in horror as the mighty dragon Smaug (voiced by Benedict Cumberbatch) incinerates Laketown.

As the flames rise, Bard the Bowman (Luke Evans) prepares to launch the last remaining black arrow at the beast.

His children seek cover with elf warrior Tauriel (Evangeline Lilly) and badly injured dwarf Kili (Aidan Turner).

Nearby, the Master of Laketown (Stephen Fry) and snivelling henchman Alfrid (Ryan Gage) make their escape in a barge laden with gold.

At Dol Guldur, Gandalf (Sir Ian McKellen) escapes from the clutches of the Necromancer (Cumberbatch again) and beats a hasty path to the mountains, where various tribes will converge.

"You must summon our friends, bird and beast – the battle for the mountain is about to begin!" bellows the wise wizard.

As the fate of Middle Earth hangs in the balance, Thorin sacrifices everything in his selfish pursuit of the mythical Arkenstone.

The Hobbit: The Battle Of Five Armies follows a similar template to earlier pictures, resolving plot strands including the forbidden romance of Tauriel and Kili as the



A scene from *The Hobbit: The Battle Of The Five Armies*

Picture: PA Photo/
Warner Bros

blood flows in brutal fight sequences.

Comical interludes with Alfrid seem to jar with the darker tone that pervades this chapter, including the inevitable loss of at least one hero in the melee.

Freeman's performance provides a flimsy emotional fulcrum while co-stars battle with their characters' demons or hordes of bloodthirsty orcs.

As the end credits roll, accompanied by an original song from Billy Boyd, who played Pippin in *The Lord Of The Rings* saga, we feel a sense of relief rather than sadness.

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Music

FRIDAY: Wheatsheaf Banbury, George St, Banbury: The Summits. Male duo make their venue debut with covers old and new. Free. 9pm. 07787 249568.
Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street, Oxford: Carols for All. The Oxford Bach Choir celebrates Christmas in style with a fun programme of seasonal music for all the family, including many well-known favourites and our now legendary *Twelve Days of Christmas*. The choir will be joined by singers and instrumentalists from the Oxfordshire County Music Service. £10 to £20 (student concessions and group discounts). 7.30pm. 01865 305305.

The White House, Abingdon Road, Oxford: Oxford Folk Club Christmas party. £2. 8.30pm. 01865 768128.

SATURDAY: Pepper Pot

Banbury, Burchester Place, Banbury: Rough cut Ruby. Three-piece rock and pop covers band. Free. 9pm. 01295 261790.

St Mary's Church, Church Street, Chipping Norton: On Christmas Night: The Christmas story in readings and carols. Chipping Norton Chorale Society will be singing Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols* and Bob Chilcott's *On Christmas Night*, conducted by Peter Hunt. £12, under 14s free. 7.30pm. 07836 518868.

Christ Church Cathedral, St Aldate's, Oxford: Christmas by Candlelight. Traditional carols and music with the Cathedral Singers of Christ Church in the glorious surroundings of Christ Church Cathedral. An interval glass of wine included with ticket. Tickets available on the door and on ticketsoxford.com. £12 (£10 conc). 8pm. 01865 305305.

St Michael at the North Gate Church, Cornmarket, Oxford:

Ox Chamber Choir: Into the Light. A joyous selection of songs and carols for Christmas, including music by Verdi, Poulenc, Palestrina and Javier Busto. £10/£5 students. 7.30pm
Littlebury Hotel, Kings End, Bicester: The Summits. Popular male duo return with a mixture of old and new covers. Free. 9pm. 01869 253225.

MONDAY: Exeter College Chapel, Turl Street, Oxford: Christmas by Candlelight: *O Magnum Mysterium*. The award-winning Charivari Agréable's ever-popular candlelit annual Christmas event of early to modern anthems, canticles, motets, and carols. £17, £16 (seniors), £10 (children and students). 7.30pm. 01865 305305.

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Banbury, ending their ninth game without a win, remain on the bottom rung of the table



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BANBURY United are now without a win in nine Evo-Stik Southern League Premier Division games after being swept aside at Histon.

With Tom Ryan suspended, Joel Meade and Jack Westbrook ill, and Ade Talabi struggling with a shoulder injury, manager Paul Davis fielded a much-changed side.

Included in the basement boys' starting line-up was former Oxford United scholar Duran Martin.

The 18-year-old midfielder, who has been playing for Old Woodstock Town, is the brother of Banbury's Marvin Martin.

Histon put Banbury under

Histon	3
(Phillips 28, Key 57, Relizani 85)	
Banbury Utd	0

early pressure with Mateusz Kuzimski lofting the ball over Leigh Bedwell from the edge of the area only for his effort to hit the bar and go over.

Tye Phillips then shot over from the edge of the area.

Banbury came more into the game, but fell behind in the 28th minute when the hosts broke quickly and a good passing move ended with Nick Freeman crossing low from the right for Phillips to shoot home from 15 yards.

The Puritans responded well with Jordan Green, in particular, causing Histon

problems, but without any end product.

Histon, though, began the second half well on top and they doubled the lead in the 57th minute.

Evan Key prodded a bouncing ball home from close in.

Banbury's fate was sealed five minutes from time with a 25-yard strike from Salim Relizani, which Bedwell got a hand to, but couldn't stop it going in.

Banbury Utd: Bedwell, Cray, M Martin, Whitehead (Talabi HT), White, Hartigan (Tappin 52), Walcott, D Martin, Howards, Green, Subson (George 63). Subs not used: Hayden, Smith.

Attendance: 195.

TABLES

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

	Premier Division									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Poole Tn	18	14	2	2	36	12	44			
Corby Tn	23	13	5	5	40	25	44			
Cirencester Tn	24	11	9	4	48	24	42			
St Neots Tn	24	12	6	6	46	38	42			
Redditch Utd	23	12	5	6	45	25	41			
Weymouth	17	13	2	2	37	21	41			
Truro City	23	13	2	8	43	33	41			
Hungerford	24	11	6	7	32	19	39			
Hitchin Tn	25	10	6	9	39	35	36			
Chesham Utd	23	9	8	6	44	30	35			
Dunstable Tn	23	10	5	8	43	36	35			
Slough Tn	24	9	8	7	43	35	35			
Cambridge C	24	7	9	8	36	35	30			
Hereford Utd	25	8	6	11	35	42	30			
Chippenham	22	7	8	7	27	25	29			
Biggleswade	23	7	7	9	33	40	28			
Histon	24	8	4	12	27	36	28			
Paulton Rov	24	6	7	11	38	41	25			
Bideford	22	6	4	12	38	56	22			
Dorchester Tn	22	6	3	13	32	44	21			
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Mar 21-Apr 19

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Sep 23-Oct 22

You can see that you have been running out of ideas in your career but don't give up yet. Good news can come your way if you are willing to bide your time and to wait and see what the stars are planning for the coming Christmas week. Cash can be made via a short trip at the weekend. Call now to hear which sign is willing to give you the career break you need.

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TAURUS

Apr 20-May 20

An argument you had last year with someone still seems to have left a bad taste in your mouth. Aspects suggest that they have moved on and you should too. What transpired appears to be more to do with a third party than it does either of you. A gift you receive makes you realise how much a close one cares for you. Relax, you're loved. Ring now so I can tell you all about your future.

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SCORPIO

Oct 23-Nov 21

Use the stars this Christmas week to regain some valuable ground in your relationship with a loved one. You see my friend, you have not had the time nor the energy of late to say and do what is needed to improve the strength of your union, so use the planets to your full advantage. Call now to find out what else the stars are planning for you this celebratory week.

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GEMINI

May 21-Jun 20

Family don't make it easy for you to relax, not even at this time of year, do they Gemini? You need to be the one who sets the pace though and who decides what you will and will not do. The sooner you learn to say no, the sooner you'll find the respect you've been seeking. Fun times and a secret to be uncovered link to a Pisces. Ring now to hear how your love life is in for a shake up.

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Nov 22-Dec 21

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CANCER

Jun 21-Jul 22

A face you didn't expect turns up this week! You have a lot to get through this Christmas and it is essential that you plan a structured few days, or you will end up with much unfinished business. You have got to think twice about investing money in something that could only be a temporary solution to a problem. Call my star line now to hear what mischief Venus is planning.

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CAPRICORN

Dec 22-Jan 19

The home is going to be demanding some extra finances over Christmas and that may mean you having to cut back on a social event you were planning on attending. Don't worry my friend, as you don't need to spend the money you think you do. Others are willing to rally round more than you think. Call my star line now to hear which sign has a shocking announcement to make to you.

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LEO

Jul 23-Aug 22

You must not judge a book by its cover, the saying goes this Christmas week. However, you definitely seem to have already made up your mind about a new face that is hanging around in your close one's life. Your sign likes to take the lead but you have not been able to this time, maybe that's the real problem isn't it? Call now to hear what alternative solutions Uranus can offer to you.

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Jan 20-Feb 18

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VIRGO

Aug 23-Sep 22

You have a lot to get through this festive week, but it is going to be very easy for you to waste your time on the gossip and intrigue which the other signs will be supplying in abundance. Make sure you buckle down on Monday and Tuesday though, when a powerful influence on your career will be judging your every move. Call now for more on this mercurial Christmas time.

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PISCES

Feb 19-Mar 20

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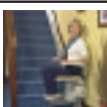
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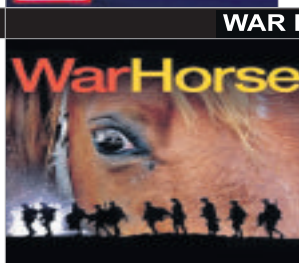


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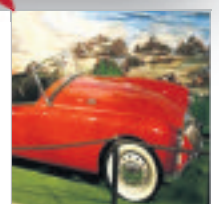
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